

A close-up photograph of a wooden surface with a heart-shaped hole cut into it. The wood grain is clearly visible, and the lighting creates a warm, golden glow. A semi-transparent white box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text for the service.

# A New Commandment

John 13:31-35

**Reaching Up, Reaching Out  
Welcoming Everyone,  
Serving in God's Love**

May 15th, 2022  
9:30 AM

# Order of Worship

## May 15th, 2022

Just as I have loved you, love one another.

John 13:34

**Boldface type: The congregation speaks in unison**

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

Amazing Grace

(Shearing)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus reminded the disciples

**Love one another as I have loved you.**

Jesus taught and witnessed God's love.

**Love one another as I have loved you.**

Jesus encourages us to love each other with tenderness, compassion, and hope.

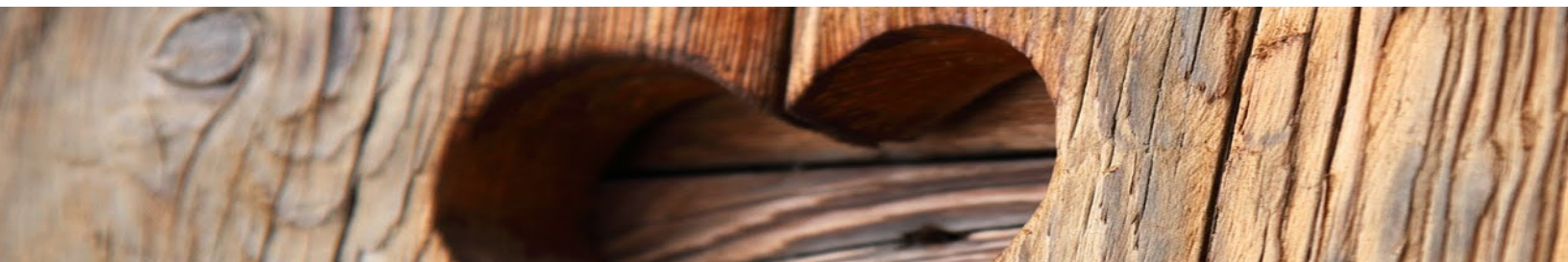
**Let us love one another as Christ loved us.**

### HYMN

**This is the Day of New Beginnings**

#383 vs.1-4

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| <p>1. This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.</p>               | <p>2. For by the life and death of Jesus, God's mighty Spirit, now as then, can make for us a world of difference, as faith and hope are born again.</p> |
| <p>3. Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.</p> | <p>4. Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.</p>     |



## UNISON PRAYER

**Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that you have called us together this day, drawing us from darkness to the glory of your light. May our spirits rejoice at the good news you have for us today. Open our hearts to your healing love, for we ask this in Christ's Name. Amen.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Jubilate  
Glory Bells

(Goetcher)

## FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 148

Marilyn Nicolas

Praise for God's Universal Glory

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created. He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees, and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

## HYMN

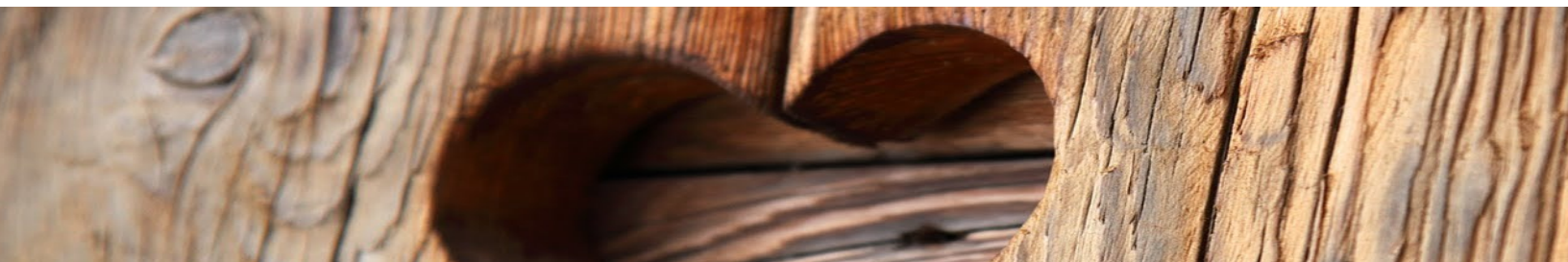
### The Gift of Love

#408 vs.1-3

1. Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire, and have  
not love, my words are vain, as sounding  
brass, and hopeless gain.

2 Though I may give all I possess, and  
striving so my love profess, but not be  
given by love within, the profit soon turns  
strangely thin.

3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole. Let  
inward love guide every deed; by this we  
worship, and are freed.





**SECOND SCRIPTURE**

John 13:31-35

**The New Commandment**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.'

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Eternal God, from the reading of the Scriptures, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Doug Williams

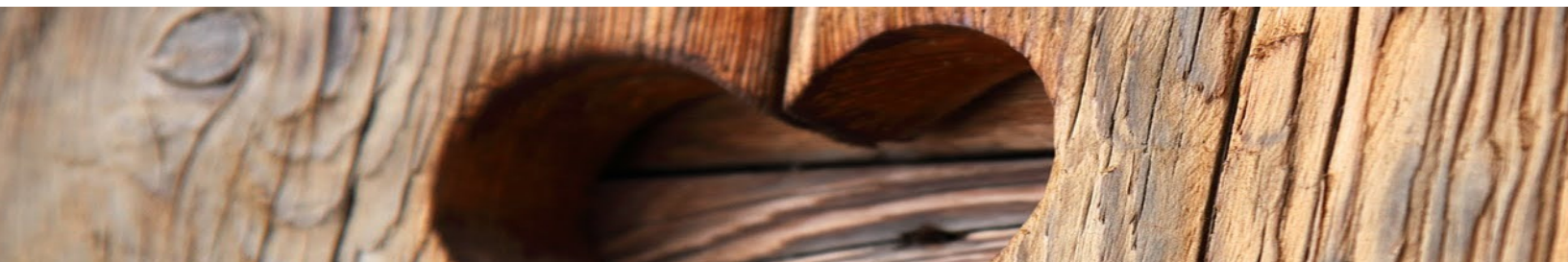
**RESPONSE****Into My Heart**

#2160 vs.1

1. Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus; come in today, come in to stay; come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

**PASTORAL PRAYER****LORDS PRAYER****PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS****OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Loving God, you have given us the task to love one another. May the gifts we offer bring love and life to others. May the love we share bring hope to a world that has forgotten how to love. Amen.**



**HYMN****The Voice of God is Calling**

#436 vs.1-3

1. The voice of God is calling its summons in our day; Isaiah heard in Zion, and we now hear God say: "Whom shall I send to succor my people in their need? Whom shall I send to loosen the bonds of shame and greed?"

3. We heed, O Lord, your summons, and answer: Here are we! Send us upon your errand, let us your servants be. Our strength is dust and ashes, our years a passing hour; but you can use our weakness to magnify your power.

2. "I hear my people crying in slum and mine and mill; no field or mart is silent, no city street is still. I see my people falling in darkness and despair. Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they bear?"

4. From ease and plenty save us; from pride of place absolve; purge us of low desire; lift us to high resolve; take us, and make us holy; teach us your will and way. Speak, and behold! we answer; command, and we obey!

**BLESSING****PEOPLES RESPONSE****Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place**

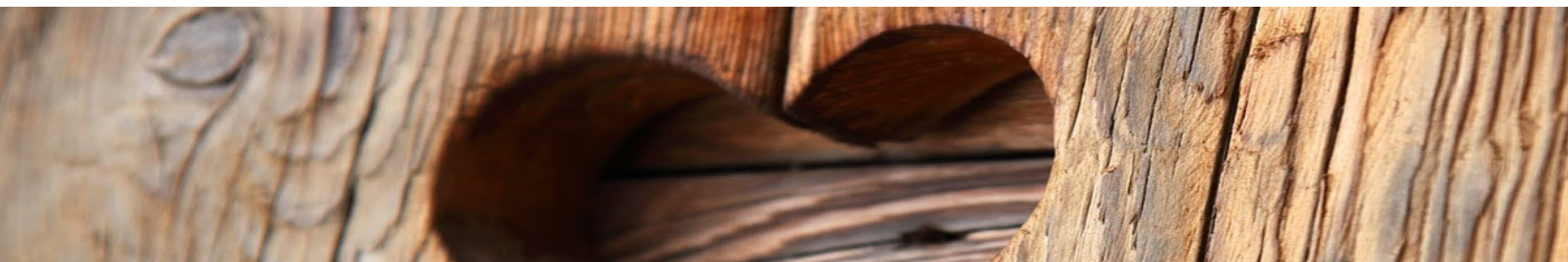
#328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His mighty power and His grace, I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

**POSTLUDE**

People of Christ Arise

(arr. Burkhardt)



# Prayer Request

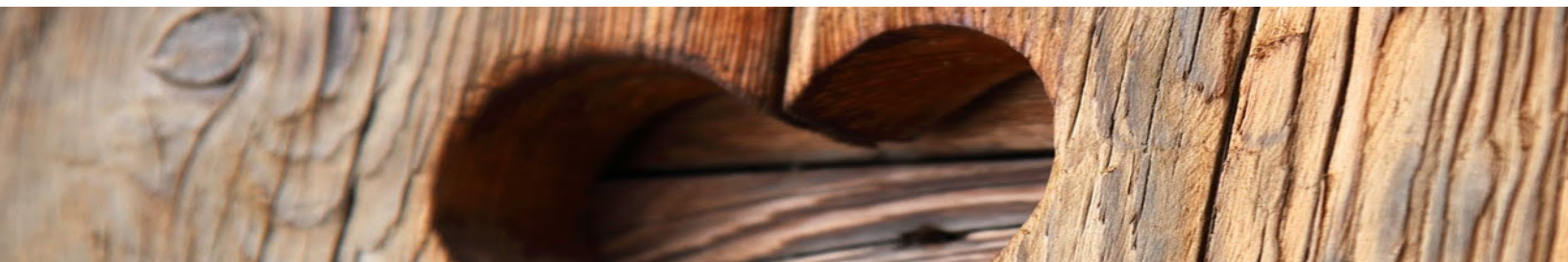
... for comfort for Mary Decker as she receives extra care.

... from Liz Heacock, prayers for the family of Michael Howard who passed away this week.

... from Meg Estrada, prayers for Sharon Simmons as she gains strength in rehab.

... from Meg Estrada, continued healing for Mary Decker as she goes back home after surgery.

... from Frank Bristol, my relatives mother has had aspiration Pneumonia but is recovering well. Prayers for full recovery.



# Worship Leaders for Today

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Richard Warne

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Liz Heacock, David Atkins,  
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